**Creation of a Post of Sr. Supdt and Post Master at Manipur**

1165. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a post of Senior Superintendent of Post Offices has been created for the State of Manipur;

(b) if so, whether the post has been filled up;

(c) whether the Department of posts propose to create a post of Postmaster General also at Manipur; and

(d) the steps taken by the Department of Posts to fill up senior level posts in Manipur?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA): (a) Yes Sir, a post of Sr. Superintendent of Post Offices has been sanctioned for the State of Manipur.

(b) No Sir.

(c) No Sir. There is no proposal to create a post of Postmaster General for the state of Manipur.

(d) No Sir. Orders have been issued posting a Senior Time Scale Officer as Senior Superintendent or Post Offices, Manipur. The work of Director Postal Services is being looked after by the Director at the headquarters of the cricle.

**Stoppage of production of Polyester and Cotton by National Textile Corporation**

1166. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the total production of textile by NTC mills during each of the last three years;

(b) whether NTC has stopped production of polyester and cotton shirting; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA): (a) The production of cloth and market yam by NTC mills during each of the last three years is as follows:—

| Period | Cloth Production (M.Mtrs.) | Market Yam (M. Kgs.) |
|---|---|---|
| 1993-94 | 190.47 | 81.86 |
| 1994-95 | 102.56 | 57.60 |
| 1995-96 (Provl.) | 75.34 | 63.17 |

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

**Jute Production**

1167. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the steps are being taken by Government for increasing the production of jute;

(b) if so, the steps taken in that regard during the 8th Five Year Plan;

(c) whether there is a vast scope to increase jute cultivation in Orissa;

(d) if so, the steps taken in that regard; and

(e) the steps proposed to be taken to provide proper marketing facilities for Jute and Jute Products that State?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA): (a) to (e) The following steps have been taken for increasing production, productivity and quality of raw jute:—

More area coverage under high yielding varieties; Accelerating production and availability of quality seeds; Emphasis on timely supply of critical inputs; Propagation of improved crop production technology throughy demonstration programmes; Encouraging raw cropping through supply of multi raw drills; Creating additional retting facilities; Organising training of farmers, etc.

Government of India is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Special Jute Development Programme (SODP) in jute growing and mest growing states in the Country, including Orissa, on 100% Central Funding Pattern. Under the Scheme subsidy is provided to Farmers (i) Distribution of jute/mesta/ sunnhemp seeds, (ii) Distribution of implements such as multi raw seed drill, wheel hoe; (iii) Conducting technology demonstration on jute/mesta/ sunhemp, (iv) Distribution of essential nutrient